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The Dragon's Banner (Pendragon Chronicles Book 1)



Synopsis

The empire that ruled the world is crumbling, and darkness is falling. Cities burn, armies pillage, and warlords struggle for domination. In the shadow of Rome's fall, the land of Britannia is divided and bleeding. Uther Pendragon is the son of a king and the grandson of an emperor. He and his allies will journey to the heart of the dying empire, lead great armies, and forge a fragile alliance, the last hope to preserve the fading light of civilization. Amidst the ruins of Roman power and glory, the free peoples of Britannia make their last stand against the forces of darkness. On blood-soaked battlefields and before towered fortresses under siege, Uther and his warriors wage the final war for the future of Britannia. But will victory come at too high a cost? Before King Arthur, before the round table, before Camelot...there was Uther Pendragon, Britannia's greatest warrior. This is his story.

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Customer Reviews

Britannia is left to fend for itself as the mighty Roman empire undergoes its lengthy collapse, and in the wake of imperial iron and law begins a new age of squabbling kings, ambitious warlords and

savage invaders. Meant for the cloth as the 3rd son of a king with imperial lineage, the wilful Uther is thrust into momentous destiny when his family is decimated by war in his absence. Fearsome in battle, indomitable in his unification intent, his deeds bring victory and brighter prospects for all Britons until Uther's intractable desires cast a bloodthirsty shadow on all he has achieved. Fast paced with a diverse and colorful cast and crisp dialogs, set at a time of epic change that would yield many a medieval legend, the story makes for a thoroughly enjoyable read and I look forward to the next book in tge series.

Been a King Arthur fan for a long time. Always get a chuckle out of the "romance" of the Middle Ages, chivalry, plate arms and armor, knights jousting...baloney! If there was an "Arthur" somewhere, it was probably one or two hundred years after the Romans left. He might have been the son of one of the Roman-descended families left (or voluntarily stayed) behind. (Kipling wrote a poem/ballad about a Roman veteran asking to be left behind with his family instead of returning to Rome), This is more about Uther Pendragon, Arthur's father and from an offshoot of the Imperial Roman family that stayed behind. We have Merlin, of course, other characters, but this is around 500 - 600 AD, life was simple and brutal. honor was variable, life cheap, agreements were sometimes "changed" without notice. Lots of plotting, combat, back-stabbing, the Britons beset on all sides, with Uther trying to form a united Britain to defend against the other ethnic groups that were raiding and trying to invade. Had a great time reading it. Would like to see the saga continued.

First of all, I should say that I like this author and his style of writing so that may sway to some degree my opinion of this book. Having said that, I truly feel that this was an excellent book telling the story of the days of Uther Pendragon, High King Of Britain and the father of Arthur, future King and leader of "Camelot" and The Knights of the Round Table. The last traces of the old Roman Empire have just begun to fade from memory, there are threats from the Raiders from the North(Vikings) and usurpers from the South and East. Uther, like his father before him, devotes his life trying to unite the petty English Kingdoms into one strong nation under one High King that can defeat these threats and secure a peaceful, secure and prosperous kingdom. If you enjoy these kinds of stories of kings and kingdoms, full of intrigue and treachery but also grand battles and noble men, you will really enjoy this book. And Merlin is also present influencing events and advising Kings. A very enjoyable read. I highly recommend it!

I liked the story and it will be interesting how far the next story will take you that the king didn't heed

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Wow, one of the best books I've ever read on the Uther and resulting Arthurian legends while being brilliantly told. It starts with a bang and the pace continues onward from there - intrigue, treachery and battles. Once aspect I liked the most is only mentioning the widely know 'facts' as background but building this telling around lesser known areas. I've read very many of Jay Allen's books and this is absolutely one of his best. Not wishing to give anything away but this book ends with the infant Arthur being carried away into obscurity by Merlin. While I have no forehand knowledge, I assume this is the first in a planned series of books exploring the Arthurian legend. A great start and I highly recommend it!

I should say up front I like all the books I have read by mr Allen so far and was not surprised I liked this one. Fast pacing, good character development and of course one of the greatest story's to work with made this book fly by. Hopefully the rest of the series gets written I am dyeing to see his take on the education of Arthur and the final battles.

Interesting to read what happened BEFORE King Arthur appeared.

Found it a great book. Would be even nicer if follow up ebooks would be avaiable to know the rest of this storyline. But have been enjoying Jay Allah's ebooks

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